## CITY OF AUSTIN Board of Adjustment/Sign Review Board Decision Sheet

DATE: Monday, April 11, 2011	CASE NUMBER: C15-2011-0026
Jeff Jack Michael Von Ohlen Nora Salinas Bryan King Leane Heldenfels, Chairman Clarke Hammond, Vice Chairman Heidi Goebel	
APPLICANT: Jim Bennett	
OWNER: Ricardo Robles	

ADDRESS: 400 33RD ST

VARIANCE REQUESTED: The applicant has requested a variance from Ordinance #040826-58; Part 6 (7) (a) & (b) in order to allow 3 parking spaces to be located in the street side yard setback in order to maintain a two-story duplex residential use in an "SF-3-NCCD-NP", Family Residence — Neighborhood Conservation Combining District — Neighborhood Plan zoning district.

The applicant has requested a variance from Section 25-6 Appendix A to decrease the minimum off-street parking space requirement from 3 off-street parking spaces to 2 off-street parking spaces in order to maintain a two-story duplex residential use in an "SF-3-NCCD-NP", Family Residence – Neighborhood Conservation Combining District – Neighborhood Plan zoning district.

The applicant has requested a variance from Ordinance #040826-58; Part 6 (7) (f) which states that a person may not reduce existing parking spaces to a number less than the number of spaces prescribed in the City Code for the present use nor may a person reallocate existing parking spaces to a new use unless the prior use is terminated or reduced in size.

The applicant has requested a variance from Ordinance #040826-58; Part 6 (3) (b) to decrease the minimum side street setback requirement (along East 33<sup>rd</sup> Street) from 25 feet to 15.4 in order to maintain a two-story duplex residential use in an "SF-3-NCCD-NP", Family Residence – Neighborhood Conservation Combining District – Neighborhood Plan zoning district.

**BOARD'S DECISION: POSTPONED TO MAY 9, 2011** 

### FINDING:

- 1. The Zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:
- 2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:
  - (b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:
- 3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

Susan Walker	Leane Heldenfels
Executive Liaison	Chairman

CASE # <u>C15-201</u>1-0026 ROW- 10562049 TP-0217060601

## CITY OF AUSTIN APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

PLEASE: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED WITH ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION COMPLETED.

STREET ADDRESS: 400 East 33 <sup>rd</sup> Street
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision – Grooms Addition
Lot(s) S. 60'x134'of Lots 1&2 Block 8 Outlot Division
I Jim Bennett on behalf of myself/ourselves as authorized agent for
Ricardo Robles affirm that on 3/17/2011 , hereby apply for a hearing before
the Board of Adjustment for consideration to:
ERECT – ATTACH – COMPLETE – REMODEL <u>– MAINTAIN</u>
A two story duplex providing a front street setback of 15% feet, and providing for two driveways, and providing for two of the parking spaces not to be located behind the 25 ft. setback line, and request a variance to provide two parking spaces instead of the required three spaces.
in a SF-3-NCCD-NP district. NUNA (zoning district)

The Austin Electric Utility Department (Austin Energy) enforces electric easements and the setback requirements set forth in the Austin Utility Code, Electric Criteria Manual and National Electric Safety Code. The Board of Adjustment considers variance to the Land Development Code, and a variance granted by the Board of Adjustment does not waive the requirements enforced by Austin Energy. Please contact Christine Esparza with Austin Energy at 322-6112 before filing your application with the Board of Adjustment if your request is for a reduction in setbacks or height limits.

NOTE: The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional support documents.

VARIANCE FINDINGS: I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings (see page 5 of application for explanation of findings):

### **REASONABLE USE:**

1. The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:

The applicant was issued a permit for the proposed construction and a C/O was issued. This permit was originally issued three years ago (3/19/08), and it is now time to resolve the issues.

### HARDSHIP:

2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

A permit was issued for the proposed construction on March 19,2008, and at that time two driveways were existing and the City required that one of the driveways be closed. This closure resulted in a deficiency in the total three space requirement. The owner attempted to vacate three different portions of R.O.W. along E. 33<sup>rd</sup> St.tosatisfy the setback issue, but this attempt was rejected by several neighbors. It appears that from all the correspondence and plan revisions that have been required by the City that the owner has done everything that a reasonable and prudent person would do in order to comply with the City's wishes.

The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

The three year process that is applicable to this site is hopefully not general to the area.

### **AREA CHARACTER:**

3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

The property was developed with a duplex use and the use will remain.

**PARKING:** (Additional criteria for parking variances only.)

Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

1.	or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:
Tw	vo driveways were existing with the 1946 duplex permit.
2.	The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:
3.	The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:
4.	The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:
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## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMITTAL OF A VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

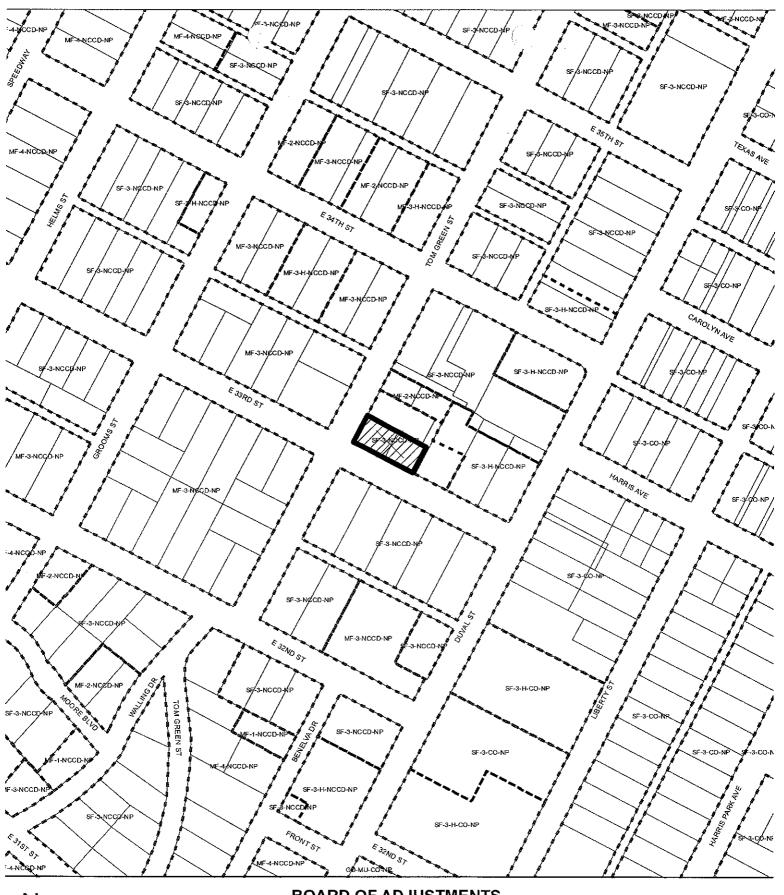
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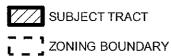
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(The following is intended to provide assistance in explaining the variance process. These suggestions are not intended to be a complete or exhaustive guide in assisting you through this process.)

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APPLICANT CERTIFICATE - I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  Signed
City, State & Zip Austin, tx. 78748  Printed Jim Bennett Phone 282-3079 Date 2/17/11
OWNERS CERTIFICATE – I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  Signed
Printed Reardo Robbes Phone 5/2-358-4005 Date 2-17-11







### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

CASE#: C15-2011-0026 LOCATION: 400 E 33RD ST

GRID: J24

MANAGER: SUSAN WALKER



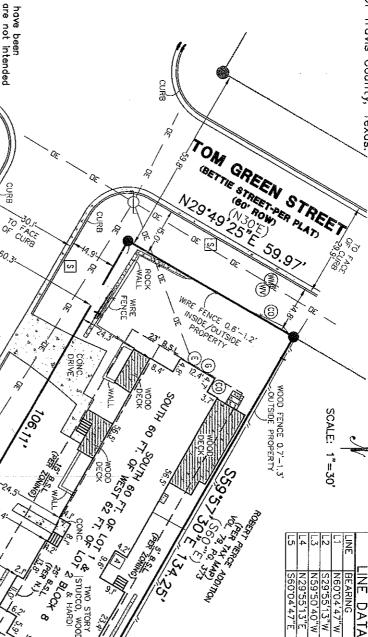
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Front building setback 23 Feet according to Nora Briones, reference 25-2-778, Austin Land Development Code.

Bearings shown hereon are based on the recorded plat.

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Date: November 16, 2010

Attn: Chris Muraida

City of Austin Office of Real Estate Services 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 1350 Austin, TX 78704

This is in response to the Certified Letter dated November 8, 2010 serving as 'Public Notice for Right-of-Way'.

As the property owners in the area surrounding the property at 400 East 33rd Street, this letter serves as our formal, stated objection to the City granting a Right-of-Way Vacation for 400 E 33 St.

As inner city property owners, we have no Home Owners Association protection or other means to protect our properties than to rely on the City to be diligent in enforcing its laws which include zoning requirements, parking requirements, impervious cover requirements, set back requirements and NCCD specific requirements. This property is in blatant violation of all of these requirements and for the City to consider selling 30.53 square feet of public right-of-way to accommodate legal requirements sets a terrible precedent.

Below are the people who could be reached. They were unanimous in their objections to this proposal. With more time, all the home owners who received the letter might have been reached.

3300 Duval Street

Roy and Doris Walker	401 East 34th Street
Lou Faid-Dattilo	3307 Tom Green
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Richard Boner

3300 Duval Street

Charles and Christine Boes 408 East 33rd Street

Dan Roberts 3210 Duval Street

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### Guernsey, Greg

From:

Muraida, Chris

Sent:

Monday, November 15, 2010 2:45 PM

To:

Guernsey, Greg

Subject:

FW: Certified Letter regarding Public Notice for Right-of-Way Vacation

FYI.

----Original Message---From: OCLM Land Management

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 2:30 PM

To: 'Susan J. Pryor!

Subject: RE: Certified Letter regarding Public Notice for Right-of-Way Vacation

Ms. Pryor,

974-7090 is our main department number and it is a good working number. I called and checked with our front office personnel and was advised that the phone has been working. They were not aware of any problems.

The public notice was sent to anyone who lives or has a business within 300 feet of the area to be vacated. If one letter is to be sent to the City, we need a name and address for everyone signing the objection letter.

Thank you, Chris Muraida

----Original Message----

From: Susan J. Pryor

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 3:45 PM

To: OCLM Land Management

Cc: Charles Boes

Subject: Certified Letter regarding Public Notice for Right-of-Way Vacation

To Chris Muraida:

I received this letter yesterday. It gave as a phone number (512) 974-7090 - I tried to call that number but the message says it is not a working number.

Can you tell me who else received this letter? We have serious concerns about this proposal - would it be better to have each person write a separate letter - or would having everyone sign the same letter be as effective?

Thank you,

Susan J. Pryor

### ORDINANCE NO. 20101216-095

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTIONS 25-2-472, 25-2-473, AND 25-2-475 TO AUTHORIZE APPEALS AND VARIANCES FROM REQUIREMENTS OF A NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION COMBINING DISTRICT.

### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

**PART 1.** City Code Section 25-2-472 (Board of Adjustment Variance Authority) is amended to read:

### § 25-2-472 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VARIANCE AUTHORITY.

The Board of Adjustment shall hear and decide a request for a variance from a requirement of this chapter, or a Neighborhood Conservation Combining District adopted under this chapter, except as otherwise provided by the Code.

PART 2. Subsection (A) of City Code Section 25-2-473 (Variance Requirements) is amended to read:

(A) A variance from the requirements of this chapter, or a Neighborhood Conservation Combining District adopted under this chapter, may be granted under this division if, because of special circumstances of a property, the strict application of this chapter deprives the property owner of privileges that are enjoyed by another person who owns property in the area that has the same zoning designation as the property for which the variance is requested.

PART 3. City Code Section 25-2-475 (Appeals) is amended to read:

## § 25-2-475 APPEALS.

A person may appeal a decision of the building official regarding a site development regulation prescribed by this subchapter, or by a Neighborhood Conservation Combining District adopted under this chapter, to the Board of Adjustment. After an appeal is filed, the building official shall provide the board with a copy of documents regarding the matter that has been appealed.

PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on December 27, 2010.

### PASSED AND APPROVED

<u>December 16</u> , 2010	§ § §	lu Legengwees
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Mayor

APPROVED:

Karen M. Kennard Acting City Attorney ATTEST

Shirley A. Gentry City Clerk

# PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing;
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
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- is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 10 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our web site: www.ci.austin.tx.us/development.

Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the contact person listed on the notice) before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the name of the board or commission, or Council; the scheduled date of the public hearing; the Case Number; and the contact person listed on the notice.

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City of Austin-Planning & Development Review Department/ 1st Floor Susan Walker

P. O. Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-1088

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### Walker, Susan

To:

North University Neighborhood Association

Cc:

Bill Bednar; Kimberly Renner; Mary Ingle; Rick Iverson; Steven Tomlinson

Subject: RE: C15-2011-0026

As per your request, the applicant has agreed to a one month postponement to the May 9th agenda.

Susan Walker **Senior Planner Planning & Development Review Department** 

Phone: 512-974-2202 Fax: 512-974-6536

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Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2011 10:48 AM

To: Walker, Susan

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**Subject:** C15-2011-0026

Dear Ms. Walker:

The North University Neighborhood Association (NUNA) would like to request a postponement of the BOA hearing on C15-2011-0026 (400 E 33 St, currently scheduled for 11 April) so that we can meet with the property owner before the case comes before the BOA.

We have asked Mr. Robles to meet with us and are awaiting his response.

### Laurence Miller

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